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CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT to authorize street railway companies and electric railway companies to acquire land by right of eminent domain.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Right of street railway companies to acquire real estate, etc.

SECTION 1. Any street railroad corporation, or any electric railroad corporation, may, by purchase, grant or condemnation, acquire such real estate and other property as may be necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of its railroad and of the stations, depot grounds and other accommodation reasonably necessary to accomplish the objects of its incorporation; to hold and use the same. Nothing in this act shall be construed as conferring on any such street or electric railway company, the right to lay or construct its track or tracks over or across the track or tracks of any steam railway company other than such as may now exist at law.

Right of eminent domain to apply to all street railroad companies.

SECTION 2. All the provisions of the revised statutes and of the act or acts amendatory thereof, relative to acquiring land by right of eminent domain by railroads, shall apply to all street railroad companies and electric railroad companies incorporated under the laws of this state; provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any streets, alleys, viaducts, parks or boulevards in any incorporated city in this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 2, 1897.